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a first port, in data communication with the microcontroller, being capable of receiving and transmitting monitoring data external to the remote interface; and

a second port capable of receiving and transmitting environmental conditions data, wherein the environmental conditions data corresponds to the environmental conditions of a computer, and wherein the second port includes connectivity to the microcontroller bus.

2/15. (Amended) The remote interface of Claim ~~14~~, wherein the microcontroller bus conforms to the Inter-Integrated Circuit (I<sup>2</sup>C) protocol [the microcontroller bus is I<sup>2</sup>C].

3/16. (Amended) The remote interface of Claim ~~14~~, wherein the microcontroller bus conforms to the Controller Area Network (CAN) protocol [the microcontroller bus is Controller Area Network].

#### REMARKS

The specification and Claims 14-16 have been amended by this paper. Claims 17-21 remain unchanged, and are also presented for examination. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims in light of the present remarks is respectfully requested.

#### Discussion of the Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification because of some informalities. The Examiner requested Applicant to move the information, titled "Incorporation by Reference of Commonly Owned Applications" and presented on pages 31-35, prior to the claims section. In regard to this issue, Applicant requests that the Examiner allow the information in Appendix A to remain in its current position. Applicant desires to keep the format of all of the related applications consistent, and some of the related applications that have an Appendix A at the end of the specification have already issued.

In addition and according to the M.P.E.P. §§ 602 and 608.5, a computer program or software code must be included in an Appendix. However, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited sections do not preclude other information from being included in the Appendix.